

COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 295, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1 Page 1, between lines 4 and 5, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 2 **"Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "board" refers to the Indiana**
- 3 **twenty-first century research and technology fund board**
- 4 **established by IC 4-4-5.1-6."**
- 5 Page 1, line 5, delete "1" and insert "2".
- 6 Page 1, line 6, delete "2" and insert "5".
- 7 Page 1, delete lines 7 through 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 8 **"Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "small business" means a**
- 9 **business that satisfies all the following:**
- 10 **(1) The business is independently owned and operated.**
- 11 **(2) The business's principal office is located in Indiana.**
- 12 **(3) The business satisfies either of the following:**
- 13 **(A) The business has not more than:**
- 14 **(i) one hundred (100) employees; and**
- 15 **(ii) average annual gross receipts of ten million dollars**
- 16 **(\$10,000,000).**
- 17 **(B) If the business is a manufacturing business, the**
- 18 **business does not have more than one hundred (100)**
- 19 **employees.**
- 20 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "small sized technology based**
- 21 **business" means a small business engaged in any of the following:**

- 1 (1) Life sciences.
- 2 (2) Information technology.
- 3 (3) Advanced manufacturing.
- 4 (4) Logistics.

5 Sec. 5. (a) The emerging technology grant fund is established to
 6 provide grants to match federal grants for small sized technology
 7 based businesses to be used to accelerate commercialization of
 8 emerging technologies.

9 (b) The fund consists of appropriations from the general
 10 assembly and gifts and grants to the fund.

11 (c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
 12 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
 13 manner as other public funds may be invested.

14 (d) The money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does
 15 not revert to the state general fund but remains in the fund to be
 16 used exclusively for purposes of this chapter.

17 (e) Money in the fund is continuously appropriated for the
 18 purposes of this chapter.

19 Sec. 6. The purpose of the grant program is to do the following:

- 20 (1) Assist Indiana businesses to compete nationally for federal
 21 research and development awards.
- 22 (2) Provide matching grants that focus on small sized
 23 technology based businesses in industry sectors vital to
 24 Indiana's economic growth.

25 Sec. 7. (a) The board shall administer the grant program under
 26 this chapter.

27 (b) The board shall award grants to support projects that
 28 leverage private sector, federal, and state resources to create new
 29 globally competitive commercial products or services that will
 30 enhance economic growth and job creation in Indiana.

31 (c) The board may award grants only to businesses that receive
 32 federal grant awards.

33 (d) In awarding grants, the board shall give preference to
 34 proposals from businesses that include other Indiana based
 35 organizations. However, the amount of the grant may be measured
 36 only against the federal money allocated to the small sized
 37 technology based business partner.

38 (e) The board shall consider the following when making grants
 39 under this chapter:

- 40 (1) Whether the grant will increase the viability of the
 41 applicant's project.
- 42 (2) Whether the grant will attract additional federal research,

development, and commercialization money.

(3) Whether the grant will assist in accelerating the introduction of technology based products in the market.

(4) Whether the grant will produce additional technology based jobs in Indiana.

(5) Other factors the board considers relevant.

(f) An applicant for a grant under this chapter must be in the process of applying for, have applied for, or have received a federal grant for the proposed project. If the applicant has already received a federal grant for the proposed project, the start date of the federal award must be after June 30, 2003.

(g) Any federal program can serve as the basis for a grant under this chapter if all the following are satisfied:

(1) The applicant's federal proposal is a response to a nationally competitive federal solicitation.

(2) The federal program provides money to develop, revise, or commercialize a new technology.

(3) The federal program accepts matching funds.

(4) The applicant's federal proposal includes the state as a potential funding source.

Sec. 8. Before July 1 of each year, the board shall establish and publish guidelines determining the following:

(1) Priority industries and technological areas for grants under this chapter.

(2) Matching levels for the different priorities established under subdivision (1). The matching level may not be more than one dollar (\$1) for each federal dollar received by an applicant.

(3) The maximum dollar amount that may be awarded for a proposal. The maximum dollar amount may not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for each business for each proposal.

Sec. 9. The board shall adopt guidelines and a process to determine on a case by case basis for the award of grants under this chapter to technology based businesses that are not small businesses. The guidelines for awards under this section must provide for fulfilling the purposes of this chapter."

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 18.

Page 2, line 21, delete "4-4-5.2-2" and insert "**4-4-5.2-5, as added by this act,**".

(Reference is to SB 295 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

Senator Ford, Chairperson